

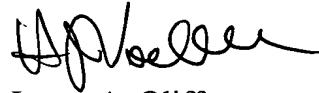
REMARKS

Claims 11-26 are pending in this application. By the Office Action claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; claims 1, 2 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or §103; and claims 3, 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled and new claims 11-26 are added. Support for new claims 11-16, 23 and 24 can be found in the specification at least at paragraphs [0030]-[0032] and in Fig. 9. Support for new claims 17-22, 25 and 26 can be found in the specification at least at paragraphs [0033]-[0036] and in Figs. 10 and 11. Thus, no new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant cancels claims 1-10 thus rendering moot the rejections under §112, second paragraph, §102 and §103. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 11-26 are in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 11-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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